Sec. 12. All motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles (including watercraft) owned by the District of Columbia shall be operated and utilized in conformity with section 16 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U.S. C. 77, 78), and shall be under the direction and control of the Commissioners, who may from time to time alter or change the assignment for use thereof, or direct the alteration or interchangeable use of any of the same by officers and employees of the District, except as otherwise provided in this Act. "Official purposes" shall not apply to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or in cases of officers and employees the character of whose duties makes such transportation necessary, but only as to such latter cases when the same is approved by the Commissioners. No motor vehicles shall be transferred from the police or fire departments to any other branch of the government of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 13. Appropriations contained in this Act for the Department of Highways and the Department of Sanitary Engineering shall be available for snow and ice control work when ordered by the Com-

missioners in writing.

Sec. 14. The Commissioners are authorized to establish a working fund without fiscal-year limitation for the purpose of printing, duplicating, and photographing; and the unexpended balances in the miscellaneous trust fund accounts "Operating Account, Printing" and "Operating Account, Blueprinting" shall be deposited to said working fund; and the fund shall be reimbursed for all services performed thereunder.

Sec. 15. This Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1956."

Approved July 5, 1955.

Passenger ve-hicles.

60 Stat. 810.

Snow removal.

Printing, photo-graphing, etc.

Short title.

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CHAPTER 278

AN ACT

To amend the Act of April 6, 1949, as amended, and the Act of August 31, 1954, so as to provide that the rate of interest on certain loans made under such Acts shall not exceed 3 per centum per annum,

July 7, 1955 [8, 1755]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of section 2 of the Act of April 6, 1949, as amended (63 Stat. 43; 12 U. S. C., sec. 1148a-2 (a)), is amended by striking out the last sentence of such subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Such loans shall be made at such rate of interest, not to exceed 3 per centum per annum, and on such general terms and conditions as the Secretary shall prescribe for such area or region.".

SEC. 2. Subsection (b) of section 2 of the Act of April 6, 1949, as

amended (12 U. S. C., sec. 1148a-2 (b)), is amended by striking out the last sentence of such subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Such loans shall be made at such rate of interest, not to exceed 3 per centum per annum, and on such general terms as the

Secretary shall prescribe for such area.".

vide emergency credit", approved August 31, 1954 (68 Stat. 999), is note.

Emergency loans. 12 USC 1148a-1 amended to read as follows: "be made at such rate of interest, not to exceed 3 per centum per annum, and on such toward of the state of interest, not to the Secretary shall prescribe for such area or areas; and".

Approved July 7, 1955.

Agriculture. Disaster loans,

67 Stat. 149.